

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT District Attorney	(2) MEETING DATE 5/24/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Diana McPartlan 805-781-4112	
(4) SUBJECT Request to accept two Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (XV) Program grant agreements in the amount of \$299,070 each per year for two years, from the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to serve elder victims of crime and crime victims with disabilities populations for the grant period of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2018, and delegate authority to the District Attorney to sign the grants. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept two Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (XV) Program grants of \$299,070 each per year for two years, to serve both the elder and crime victims with disabilities populations for the grant period of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2018, and 2. Delegate authority to the District Attorney to sign the two grant agreements between the County of San Luis Obispo and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) State Grant Funds	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$64,772	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT FY 2016 – 17 \$373,838 FY 2017 – 18 \$309,838	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The primary goal of the Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (XV) Program is to improve the safety of unserved/underserved victim populations in California by establishing victim advocate positions dedicated to the specially identified population. In addition, the (XV) Program is designed to improve coordination of crisis and support services among local agencies and groups for an enhanced response to the specially identified victim group (i.e., elder victims of crime and crime victims with disabilities) and implement an awareness program for those specific populations.

From 1999 to 2010, the District Attorney's Office received Cal OES funding for an Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Project (EA). In 2010, the County applied for and received funding through a Cal OES Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (UV) Program to continue the District Attorney's elder abuse project with specialized advocate services for elder victims of crime. In FY 2013-14, the crime victims with disabilities population was added to the grant to receive specialized advocate services.

The District Attorney's Office Victim/Witness Division continued to receive funding until March 31, 2016 at which time the existing grant term expired and new funding became available under a competitive process. Two competitive grants were applied for, one to serve elder victims and one to serve crime victims with disabilities. In both grants the Advocates will provide crisis and support services by walking the victims through the Criminal Justice process, providing emergency services, explaining their rights under the Victim's Bill of Rights or "Marsy's Law", helping them obtain restitution orders,

case status, court escort, preparing victim impact statements, etc. Advocates will also conduct community presentations. Both grants were awarded on April 29, 2016 for a total of \$299,070 each with each grant requiring a county match of \$74,768 which will be in-kind, from existing budgeted expense. We received both grants which will fund four limited term advocate positions.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Prior to execution, County Counsel will review and approve both agreements for form and legal effect. Operational agreements (OA) with local law enforcement and victim service partners that participate with the Program are required by the grant.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 awarded funds total \$747,676, including a \$149,536 County match requirement, and will fund 4.00 FTE limited-term Victim/Witness Assistance Coordinator positions to provide specialized advocate services. Two of these positions currently exist in the FY 2016-17 budget, and two additional positions are recommended to be added in the FY 2017-18 proposed budget.

The County's match will be from in-kind sources, which includes direct supervision by the Victim Witness Director and one Assistant Director. Receipt of these grants will have no impact on the General Fund. Expense appropriation totaling \$598,536 and the limited-term Victim Witness Assistance Coordinator positions will be added to the FY 2016-17 budget via the supplemental budget document.

RESULTS

- 1) Enhance the safety of elder and crime victims with disabilities in San Luis Obispo County by maintaining four advocate positions solely dedicated to these populations, as well as other staff, and volunteer support of the XV Grants;
- 2) Coordinate direct services for elder and crime victims with disabilities in an enhanced response to victimization of crimes among locally involved agencies; and
- 3) Implement outreach awareness programs to San Luis Obispo County seniors, victims with disabilities and their families and conduct training with first responders and support agencies on elder and crime victims with disabilities abuse identification and reporting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (XV) Program grant award letters from Cal OES